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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN ASSISTANCE TO ANDEAN REGION

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1. The GOA focuses its public development assistance (ODA) projects on certain "priority and cooperation countries." None of the Andean states are in this category. Consequently, bilateral projects in the Andean region only accounted for a tiny fraction (0.4%) of Austria's total ODA, which amounted to Euro 456.8 million (USD 593.8 million) in 2003. 33.5% of Austria's ODA goes to EU funds. There are no statistics available on the use of specific Member States' contributions for EU projects.

2. Austria's ODA for the Andean States in EUR (USD):

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Bolivia	199,320 (259,110)	510,210 (663,270)	305,070 (396,590)	226,020 (293,820)
Colombia	517,360 (672,570)	588,270 (764,750)	580,250 (754,330)	482,080 (626,700)
Ecuador	490,310 (637,300)	589,030 (765,740)	509,610 (662,490)	515,920 (670,700)
Peru	511,210 (664,250)	557,720 (725,040)	558,230 (725,700)	490,000 (637,000)
Venezuela	117,080 (152,200)	65,400 (85,020)	76,080 (98,900)	116,090 (150,920)

The table does not include debt rescheduling and debt reduction figures, but only disbursements for concrete assistance. Figures for 2004 are not yet available.

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